

Ohio EPA

Re: Ohio Rubber Company Odor Complaints

Mr. Jerome P. Ranally
Councilman - Ward 3
1 Public Square
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

November 14, 1984

Dear Mr. Ranally:

This letter is in response to your November 8, 1984 letter to Mr. Dennis Bush of our office.

On October 31, 1984, Mr. Leon Weitzel (Lake County Health Department) and I observed a blowdown of an autoclave. Some odors were observed and an apparent leakage of the wastewater header system was witnessed.

On November 14, 1984, I observed the loading of an autoclave. This procedure is not believed to be the origin of the odor problem.

Conrad Hornung was recently hired by Ohio Rubber Company to handle EPA and OSHA matters at the plant. I will be sending him a letter shortly regarding the autoclaves. A copy of this letter will be sent to you under separate cover.

Copies of an odor survey form, drafted by Leon Weitzel have been forwarded to your office and the Mayor of Willoughby for your review. Once the form is approved, it will be available for persons complaining of odors. The information from these surveys, hopefully will pinpoint the source of the odors.

If you have further questions regarding this or other matters, please contact me at (216) 425-9171.

Sincerely,

Dan Powell

Dan Powell
Environmental Scientist
Division of Air Pollution Control
Northeast District Office

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To be sent to the
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 Point Order - if you
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Address:

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PROTECTION AGENCY
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(Not to be filled out by observer -
weather conditions)

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Odor Check Instructions

Odor Description - use the following code. Mark on check sheet one or more as applicable.

- A. Acids
- B. Alcohols
- C. Paints, thinners, or lacquers
- D. Petroleum products (such as gasoline, kerosene, tar, naphthalene, diesel fuel)
- E. Sewage
- F. Rotting materials
- G. Rotten eggs
- H. Other (describe on odor check sheet)

Odor Strength - use the following code. Mark on check sheet one or more as applicable.

- 1. Barely noticeable
- 2. Noticeable
- 3. Fairly strong
- 4. Strong

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LAKE COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
Air Pollution Complaint Investigation Report
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N.E.D.O. OEPA District	Lake County	7/1/85 Date Received	7/1/85 Date(s) Investigated
TYPE		COMPLAINANT: (Name, Address, Phone)	
Open burning _____ Verbal _____		[REDACTED]	
Fugitive dust _____ Written _____		[REDACTED]	
Odor _____ Residential _____		OEPA Emergency Response	
Flyash _____ Commercial _____ X		ALLEGED POLLUTER: (Name, Address, Phone)	
Other smoke _____		Ohio Rubber	
LAW (Reference) _____		3911 Ben Hur	
		Willoughby, OH 942-0500	

PERSON(S) CONTACTED: (Name, Position, Phone, Date, Time)

STATEMENT OF COMPLAINANT Black Smoke very heavy Sunday, 6/30/85 at about 8:45 p.m. It was so bad that several calls were made to the fire dept. that Ohio Rubber was on fire and visibility on Vine St. was close to zero.	STATEMENT OF ALLEGED POLLUTER Problems occurred when a boiler was being started. RECEIVED JUL 11 1985 OHIO EPA-N.E.D.O.
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SITE DESCRIPTION AND FINDINGS: (When, Where, What, How, Who, Why)
Map and additional comments on back

Emergency Response was notified by Sargent Clair of Willoughby police department. The plant (Ohio Rubber) was contacted and the smoke subsided within 20 minutes. The explanation from the plant was that the boiler was being started and they ran into some problems.

Called Sargent Clair at the police station but he was not available. I left a message for him to contact me.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Violation _____ No Violation _____ Undetermined ☒


V. E. readings were taken Monday 7/1/85 and showed no problems at the present time.

Vicki A. Vesel 7/1/85
Investigator/Date

Leon A. Weitzel 7/5/85
Reviewer/Date

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LAKE COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
Air Pollution Complaint Investigation Report
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<u>NEDO</u>	<u>Lake</u>	<u>2/1/85</u>	<u>2/1/85</u>
<u>OEPA District</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Date(s) Investigated</u>
<u>TYPE</u>		<u>COMPLAINANT: (Name, Address, Phone)</u>	
Open burning _____	Verbal _____	X	
Fugitive dust _____	Written _____		
Odor _____	Residential _____		
Flyash _____	Commercial _____		
Other _____			
<u>LAW (Reference)</u>		<u>ALLEGED POLLUTER: (Name, Address, Phone)</u>	
		Ohio Rubber	
		3911 Ben Hur Ave.	
		Willoughby, OH 942-0500	

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STATEMENT OF COMPLAINANT Since trees were cut down near Rt. 90, odor frequency has increased from 2 to 3 times each year to 2 days each week. Thinks odor may be harmful, believes it is some chemical used to burn the rubber from the molds.


STATEMENT OF ALLEGED POLLUTER

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 lives 4 - 5 miles from Ohio Rubber.

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Sent odor form & told him to call us if odor persists.

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NEDO OEPA District	Lake County	1/30/85 Date Received	1/30/85 Date(s) Investigated
TYPE		COMPLAINANT: (Name, Address, Phone)	
Open burning	Verbal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[REDACTED]	
Fugitive dust	Written		
Odor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Residential	[REDACTED]	
Flyash	Commercial		
Other		ALLEGED POLLUTER: (Name, Address, Phone)	
LAW (Reference)		Ohio Rubber 3911 Ben Hur Willoughby 942-0500	

PERSON(S) CONTACTED: (Name, Position, Phone, Date, Time)

STATEMENT OF COMPLAINANT Concerned about Ohio Rubber Odor - thinks it may be harmful. In 1983 and 1984, occurred January - May, every Friday from 7:30 p.m. on. Wanted to know what butadiene smelled like.

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asked her to fill out odor form. Call if odor lingers. Normally, she said it does not last long.

Leon A. Weitzel 2/1/85

Reviewer/Date